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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3,
Part 20 and Title 38, Chapter 8, relative to the
establishment of certain grant programs within the
department of safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

Section____.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Safe
Neighborhoods Act of 1998"

(b) By October 1, 1998 the department of safety shall establish within the
department a program to award state law enforcement assistance grants to local
governmental agencies from money appropriated by the general appropriations
act. The exclusive purpose of such grants is to assist local governments in
meeting the local funding requirement necessary to receive a grant under the
federal "Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994" for a portion of
the costs associated with the employment of new law enforcement officers by
such local government.

(b) The department is authorized to promulgate in accordance with the
provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated Title 4, Chapter 5 all rules necessary to

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establish and administer such grant program. Provided, however, no such rule or departmental policy shall be promulgated or interpreted contrary to the following guidelines:

1) All state grants to local governmental agencies shall be awarded on a first come first serve basis.

2) The number of state grants awarded in a fiscal year is dependant on the amount of money appropriated for such grants and the number of qualified and conforming grant applications. Nothing in this subpart shall be construed to mean that all money appropriated during a fiscal year for such state grants must be awarded during that year if there are an insufficient number of qualified and conforming applications.

3) No state grant shall exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount of the grant the local government has been approved to receive from the federal government.

4) In order to receive a state grant pursuant to this section for the federal local funding requirement, the local governmental entity must have been approved for a Universal Hiring Program grant under the "Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994" that is for the exclusive purpose of providing financial assistance for the employment of additional law enforcement officers in such locality.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.